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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 CFR 1.313)

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Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.
2. The issue fee for this case

a. ☐ has NOT been paid, but is due for payment on .b. ☒ has been paid on December 2, 2009.

This application is scheduled to

☐ issue on .☐ as patent .

3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:

a. ☐ there has been a mistake on the part of the Office. 12/23/2009 LDIEP1 00000002 500417 10579442b. ☐ there has been a violation of Section 1.56, or illegality in the application. 01 FC:1464 130.00 DAc. ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.

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d. ☐ for purposes of declaring an interference.

e. ☒ other: To make of record prior art uncovered in a corresponding Japanese

application Office Action.

Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached sheet(s).

4. The petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) is paid as follows:

☐ Enclosed is a check in the sum of \$130.00.

☒ Charge Account 500417 the sum of \$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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